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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The documents listed on Form PTO-1449 and of which a copy is enclosed, unless otherwise noted, are hereby cited pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, for consideration in the examination of the above-identified application and for the purpose of having them made of record.

Gelber discloses a system and method for processing and pre-adjudicating patient benefit claims. A patient claim benefit is pre-adjudicated in accordance with proprietary and commercial rules prior to submission to a policy issuing company to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of the patient benefit plan and to minimize error and maximize benefit reimbursement (See Abstract).

Doctor et al. disclose a health care payment compliance management system. The system provides a computerized system, including a portable device and associated software, for use by health care practitioners including physicians, hospital staff, and other health care providers at the point of patient care. The device enables a health care practitioner to perform appropriate actions and to capture and process information relevant to health care insurer rules and procedures while interacting with a patient during a practitioner-patient encounter (See Summary).

Holloway et al. disclose a system and method for detecting fraudulent medical claims via examination of service codes. The system comprises an expert computer system that processes medical claims. Inputted claims are interpreted according to specific rules and against a predetermined database to determine whether the medical claims are appropriate (See Abstract).

Amar et al. disclose a medical practice management system. Prior to using information to create a claim, the medical practice management server automatically and repeatedly interacts with the information to ensure correct information by applying one or more rules to the information.

The medical practice management server performs a correcting action in response to finding an error in the information and subsequently uses the information to create an insurance claim (See Abstract).

This information disclosure statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application thus it is believed that there are no fees involved in the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account. No. 19-2179.

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